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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

McSwiggen *et al.*

Serial No. 10/798,090

Filed: March 11, 2004

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Inhibition of Muscarinic Cholinergic
Receptor Gene Expression Using
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Preliminary Amendment; and
 - b. Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to additional fees:
☒ No additional fee is required.
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Date: November 5, 2004

By:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments before examination on the merits. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.